

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, August 23, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (89 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 21  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 6  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

One MAFFS C-130 air tanker and support personnel from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing (Wyoming Air National Guard) have been deployed to Boise, ID to support wildland fire suppression operations in the western U.S.

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 9  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**July Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). IMT is also managing the Log fire. Four miles east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Log**, Klamath NF. Six miles west of Greenview, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**Happy Camp Complex** (3 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and IMT 2 (Wakoski). One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

**KNF Beaver**, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Minton). Started on private land 16 miles northwest of Yreka, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Interior burning. Road and area closures in effect.

**Lodge Complex**, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles northwest of Laytonville, CA. Timber and chaparral. Interior burning.

**Eiler**, Lassen NF. Four miles southeast of Burney, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
July Complex	CA	KNF	33,525	823	33	8/30	1,453	145	39	91	9	2	29.6M	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Log	CA	KNF	3,629	0	99	8/23	110	3	4	5	3	0	10.6M	FS
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	15,650	2,912	15	9/8	1,539	95	39	89	8	0	11M	FS
KNF Beaver	CA	KNF	32,307	0	95	UNK	461	-146	5	8	1	3	24.5M	PRI
Lodge Complex	CA	MEU	12,535	0	95	8/28	335	-27	8	14	1	0	41M	ST
Eiler	CA	LNF	32,416	0	97	8/24	79	-27	1	8	0	21	26.2M	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 20  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 8  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

\* **Auvil Canyon**, Southeast Region, DNR. Six miles northwest of Waterville, WA. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

**Deception Complex**, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**Little Bridge Creek**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Lund) back to the local unit will occur on 8/25. IMT is also managing the Upper Falls fire and the Carlton Complex. Ten miles west of Winthrop, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closure in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Upper Falls**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Seventeen miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber, light logging slash and grass. Smoldering. Area closure in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Carlton Complex**, Northeast Region, DNR. Started on private land seven miles south of Twisp, WA. Timber, light logging slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

**South Fork Complex**, Prineville District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Fillis) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Bald Sisters fire. Twenty miles southwest of John Day, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Bald Sisters**, Malheur NF. Twelve miles east of Prairie City, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

**Snag Canyon**, Southeast Region, DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Turman) back to the local unit will occur today. IMT is also managing the South Cle Elum Ridge fire. Started on private land 12 miles north of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area closure in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**South Cle Elum Ridge**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Seven miles southwest of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

**Somers**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Fifteen miles east of Imnaha, OR. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated interior torching. Structures threatened.

**Sand Ridge**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Previously reported as the Sandy Ridge fire. Started on private land eight miles east of Bickleton, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **790**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Previously reported under the Camp Creek Complex. Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Auvil Canyon	WA	SES	604	---	60	UNK	83	---	3	10	0	0	50K	ST
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	300	0	52	UNK	926	206	19	35	6	0	9.3M	FS
Little Bridge Creek	WA	OWF	4,958	0	N/A	N/A	255	-21	3	0	4	0	12.8M	FS
Upper Falls	WA	OWF	8,120	0	N/A	N/A	120	-33	2	6	0	0	5.6M	FS
Carlton Complex	WA	NES	256,108	0	N/A	N/A	122	-70	2	0	0	471	68.4M	PRI
South Fork Complex	OR	PRD	66,126	690	93	9/1	347	-104	10	21	3	2	16.4M	BLM
Bald Sisters	OR	MAF	1,138	0	0	10/15	197	-13	3	4	1	0	6.8M	FS
Snag Canyon	WA	SES	12,599	-68	92	UNK	238	-103	4	12	1	22	14.2M	PRI
South Cle Elum Ridge	WA	OWF	894	0	97	UNK	157	-17	1	12	0	0	6M	FS
Somers	OR	WWF	35,933	0	70	UNK	93	-170	2	1	2	1	4.5M	FS
Sand Ridge	WA	WFS	1,900	-600	86	8/23	120	25	1	24	1	0	185K	PRI
* 790	OR	RSF	850	---	N/A	N/A	22	---	1	0	2	0	NR	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

**Way**, Central California District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Joseph) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Started on county land three miles northwest of Wofford Heights, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Interior burning.

**Junction**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Estes) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. One mile northwest of Oakhurst, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Way	CA	CND	4,045	14	92	UNK	515	-235	9	26	8	11	6.2M	CNTY
Junction	CA	MMU	612	0	95	8/25	373	-512	12	10	0	47	4.5M	ST

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 29  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Johnson Bar**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Leach). Twenty miles southeast of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Blakslee**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Seven miles north of Grass Range, MT. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

\* **Elevator Mountain**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Thirty miles west of Darby, MT. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Johnson Bar	ID	NCF	8,498	139	35	UNK	292	-181	2	7	2	0	8.5M	FS
Blakslee	MT	LED	1,033	---	75	UNK	25	---	0	6	0	0	86K	BLM
* Elevator Mountain	ID	NCF	355	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mud Creek	WY	WBD	862	---	100	---	0	-20	0	0	0	0	5K	BLM

Wind River-Bighorn Basin District, BLM

**Other Fires**

(As of August 22)

<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	6	5,060	1	0	1	121
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	4	6,109	1	0	0	22
EB	2	614	0	0	0	0
WB	2	23,166	0	0	0	0
SW	4	13,366	0	2	0	15
RM	1	1,529	0	0	0	3
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19	51,373	2	2	1	161

**Predictive Services Discussion:** It will be dry over much of the southwest U.S. including California, as a ridge of high pressure builds off the Pacific Coast. In stark contrast, unseasonably cold and very wet weather can be expected in the northern Rockies and adjacent plains, as a trough of low pressure settles over Montana with extensive rain showers and snow in the high mountains. Showers and thunderstorms are also forecast over the central Rockies and high Plains along a stationary frontal boundary. South of that boundary, high heat and humid conditions will persist today under a ridge of high pressure in the central and southern Plains.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



# WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

*Aviation Category*

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone. Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

**References:**

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 57

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northwest	FIRES	1	1	0	0	8	10	20
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	1,011	671	1,683
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	3,289	3,294
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	1	6	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	18	14	32
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	1	0	0	11	17	29
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25	1	26
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	3	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	141	153
TOTAL	FIRES	2	3	0	1	49	34	89
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	1,080	4,117	5,198

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	52	0	0	293	21	<b>366</b>
	ACRES	0	29,804	0	0	201,237	5	<b>231,046</b>
Northwest	FIRES	305	269	49	51	948	1,194	<b>2,816</b>
	ACRES	71,150	697,117	150	2,934	275,257	123,447	<b>1,170,055</b>
Northern California	FIRES	89	36	6	8	2,448	700	<b>3,287</b>
	ACRES	85	16,102	23	30	80,802	162,685	<b>259,727</b>
Southern California	FIRES	36	64	12	54	2,090	428	<b>2,684</b>
	ACRES	234	2,881	517	218	20,363	24,696	<b>48,909</b>
Northern Rockies	FIRES	616	71	7	9	799	613	<b>2,115</b>
	ACRES	9,837	2,531	1,168	3	81,783	17,845	<b>113,167</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	37	396	1	28	1,124	468	<b>2,054</b>
	ACRES	1,159	60,852	0	204	20,441	14,363	<b>97,019</b>
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	280	1	16	48	81	<b>435</b>
	ACRES	168	32,439	0	7	1,097	24,227	<b>57,938</b>
Southwest	FIRES	463	160	11	48	577	785	<b>2,044</b>
	ACRES	99,031	1,540	577	10,783	14,306	78,484	<b>204,721</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	445	332	21	17	614	216	<b>1,645</b>
	ACRES	2,322	10,844	1,181	2,505	47,382	2,147	<b>66,381</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	47	22	4,757	318	<b>5,552</b>
	ACRES	602	0	1,600	186	34,003	4,890	<b>41,281</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	382	0	83	26	13,845	480	<b>14,816</b>
	ACRES	110,755	0	4,163	282	243,312	35,049	<b>393,561</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>27,543</b>	<b>5,304</b>	<b>37,814</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>295,343</b>	<b>854,110</b>	<b>9,379</b>	<b>17,152</b>	<b>1,019,983</b>	<b>487,838</b>	<b>2,683,805</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>53,464</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>5,604,601</b>

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**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	646	0	646
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>646</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIRES	12	46	6	3	15	168	250
	ACRES	2,906	11,255	2,937	37	447	20,826	38,408
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	16	9	0	127	157
	ACRES	56	135	7,322	60	0	5,950	13,523
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	20	43	4	11	115	206
	ACRES	2,553	8,090	9,365	3,253	241	16,145	39,647
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	29	62	120
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,003	19,278	26,938
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIRES	6	16	7	1	1	50	81
	ACRES	1,625	16,408	1,959	14	75	19,811	39,892
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	21	35	92	18	67	74	307
	ACRES	1,802	2,731	19,531	4,833	2,344	10,257	41,498
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	310	50	1,177	167	1,757
	ACRES	58,417	0	46,808	5,550	71,367	63,942	246,084
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	180	28	7,765	866	8,927
	ACRES	17,721	0	66,834	31,863	341,573	888,699	1,346,690
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>9,072</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>11,913</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>85,444</b>	<b>103,265</b>	<b>157,431</b>	<b>46,120</b>	<b>417,197</b>	<b>1,047,206</b>	<b>1,856,663</b>

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

## Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	481	1,256	312,491
Yukon Territory	0	0	31	1,208
Alberta	21	0	1,250	21,516
Northwest Territory	1	100	380	3,315,943
Saskatchewan	1	7,229	376	313,264
Manitoba	0	4	219	9,277
Ontario	0	244	285	5,418
Quebec	0	0	254	38,392
Newfoundland	0	0	104	12,673
New Brunswick	0	0	161	103
Nova Scotia	0	0	150	518
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	80	256,613
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8,058</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>4,287,416</b>

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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